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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg writes on matters of vital importance to every citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 8, 1898.

Since the convict labor law of June 18, 1897, went into effect Attorney General McCormick has received many requests for information, among the number being one from the managers of the Huntingdon reformatory, who desired to know what percentage of inmates may be employed and if the percentage in any class precludes employment in the other class; if the reformatory can use machinery in the manufacture of articles to be used exclusively in the institution and if the use of machinery in manufacturing goods is prohibited in the reformatory. In reply the Attorney General in a lengthy opinion said that the act applies to the institution in question, and that if the managers desired to employ five per cent of the inmates in manufacturing brooms, brushes and hollow ware, they dare not employ others in the manufacture of other goods, but if they decided to employ less than the number stated in the manufacture of brooms, brushes and hollow ware they have the option of employing not more than 10 per cent in the manufacture of any other kind of goods, wares, articles or things that are manufactured elsewhere in the state, except that in case manufacture of mats and matting is decided upon then 20 per cent of the whole number of inmates may be employed in such manufacture. The manufacture of goods to be used exclusively within the reformatory for the maintenance of its inmates is permitted. The labor organizations of the state are jubilant over this decision and claim that as a result their members will secure more work and better wages.

A PLACE FOR THE INSANE.

Another matter concerning penal institutions was the report of the Committee on Lunacy of the State Board of Charities, in which a suggestion was made for the isolation of the convict and criminal insane. The report says there are 113 convicts who have gone insane since incarceration and 158 criminal insane persons in the State's institutions and the Board is of the opinion that the Legislature should authorize the construction of a building of moderate size upon the grounds of one of the penitentiaries, to be used for the hospital treatment of the classes referred to. It is claimed that such a building can be constructed for \$25,000 convict labor being employed, and that far better results would be obtained than under the present system.

STATE PRINTER'S BILL CUT.

Some time ago Superintendent of Public Printing Robinson objected to a bill of State Printer Rex's and the matter was referred to Deputy Attorney General. After reviewing all the accounts referring to contracts, bonds, etc., General Reeder decided that Mr. Rex made charges on certain work that was not in conformity with the contract and upheld Supt. Robinson in reducing the charges. On the other hand he claims that Mr. Robinson erred in certain matters and allowed the charges on those to remain as assessed. The total amount disallowed in the account was nearly \$8,000, one item alone having been out from \$7,300 to \$740.

THE OUTLOOK.

No additional booms were launched during the week and it now looks as if Colonel Wm. A. Stone, of Allegheny county, will have clear sailing for the nomination for governor. Regardless of the fact that matters were exceedingly dull, political, during the holidays, Stone has continued his aggressive political work and is receiving considerable support through his persistency and determination to come out a winner in the convention.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

State Treasurer Hayward says that the state will not lose a penny of its funds that were on deposit in the savings bank of Philadelphia at the time of its failure, but would not commit himself on the proposed plan of settlement.

Politicians on the Hill think Senator Quay did a wise thing in moving from Baxter to Allegheny county, and says he will now be able to cope with his most bitter antagonists.

Governor Hastings favors the publication of the pension roll and says that in his judgment nothing but good can result from publicity of this sort.

Architect Cobb expects to have the specifications ready for bidders who will compete for the contract for furnishing white marble, which will be the stone used in the construction of the new capital, ready by next Monday. This will enable the commission to let the contract before the end of the month.

PERSONAL.

James B. Ball and wife, of New York, visited relatives in Milford over New Years.

John Gourlay has been reappointed janitor of the Court House at the same salary as last year.

Mrs. Robert Struthers accompanied by her daughter Edie went to Brooklyn this week for a visit.

Robinson Shephard, of Delaware township was appointed Mercantile Appraiser for 1898 by the commissioners Dec. 31.

County Treasurer Daumann has been confined to his bed part of this week with a severe cold, but is now we are pleased to note recovering.

Geo. A. Frick is suffering with a severe cold which compels him to keep his bed. We trust the genial boniface will soon regain his wonted health.

Geo. A. Swenisher is again commissioners' clerk and it would be difficult to find one who more courteously and faithfully performs the duties of that position.

Otto Zaellner, of Walker Poud, has bought out the interest of his partner, Christian Foy, and will in future conduct the business. The location is fine for a boarding house and no doubt the present proprietor will meet with continued and deserved success.

McClelland Smith died at his home in Lackawaxen Monday afternoon aged about 88 years. His wife two sons Grant of Port Jervis and one of Lackawaxen, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Cortright of Stockport survive him. Mr. Smith was for many years a foreman on the canal.

Edward Cahill has just been appointed chairman of the board of assessors of New York at a salary of \$3,000 a year. This is the same position he formerly held and his reappointment implies that he made a faithful and efficient official. The Press tenders congratulation on his good fortune and also on this mark of esteem in which he is held by the powers that be.

An Enjoyable Affair.

One of the most pleasant events of the season was a New Years Dinner at the home of John J. VanSickle. The company were all congenial spirits, and thoroughly enjoyed the generous hospitality and abundant provision made for them by their host and hostess. The table was artistically decorated, and of all the good things of which man should partake, none were wanting thereon. No not even the wine. As the hostess happily remarked "we were all near very near to each other," and in this fact (taken in both its literal and social sense) lies the principal reason that these gatherings are so highly appreciated by the participants and why they linger long in memory and serve in marking time by which to locate lesser events. All appreciated the kindly spirit shown in entertaining and which was accompanied in every case by substantial tokens appropriate to the New Year not alone to their guests but to many other homes besides. Such events tend to smooth the kinks out of life, brush away wrinkles and restore one's confidence that the milk of human kindness is fully as sweet now as it was a hundred or a thousand years ago. H

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by druggists and general Merchants of Pike county.

Presbyterian Sunday School Elects Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The Presbyterian Sunday school elected officers as follows: Superintendent.—R. G. Barekloy. Asst. Supt.—Bayard Nichols. Librarian.—John C. Warner. Asst. Lib. and Sec'y.—Frank B. Thrall. Asst. Sec'y and Organist.—Lila B. Van Etten. Asst. Organist.—Susan Nichols.

MR. STABLER SAYS

Local Treatment for Catarrh Does No Good.

Mr. E. M. Stabler, Payne, Ohio, writes: "I had catarrh of the head I tried a local catarrh remedy and it did me no good; I tried two different catarrh snuffs and they did me no good; I tried a catarrh balm and it did me no good; our home doctor and his medicine did me no good; I tried a Fort Wayne doctor and he did me no good; I gave them all up, for they were doing me no good. All they were after was my money, and they got it, and that was all they wanted. Then I got a Pe-ru-na Al-



manac. I read it all through and saw that Pe-ru-na was highly recommended for catarrh. I took eight bottles and they cured me sound and well. I am 56 years old and I can do a good day's work right along. I think Pe-ru-na is the best medicine that was ever got up for catarrh. I think every one that has catarrh should use it, as I believe it will do the same for others as it has done for me."

Send to The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio for Dr. Hartman's free book on catarrh.

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

BRIEF MENTION.

Paul Humbert and son, of Brooklyn are spending a few days in Milford.

It is rumored that the County Commissioners will issue bonds to take up the outstanding indebtedness.

The annual election of directors for the Philadelphia and New England Railway of Pa., will take place at Easton Jan. 17.

Ryman and Wells have a line of goods at taking prices. They also insure property in first class companies at reasonable rates. See them about a policy.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware Valley Hudson & Lehigh Railroad will take place in Stroudsburg Jan. 10 to elect directors for the ensuing year.

Jury Commissioners C. A. Gillett of Lackawaxen and E. A. Greening of Dingman township with Sheriff Cortright have been engaged this week filling the wheel with names, and drawing a Jury for March Term. George E. Olmsted is their clerk.

The County Auditors, John E. Olmsted, Geoffrey J. Gephart and John C. Warner met at the Court House Monday and organized by electing John C. Warner, President and C. P. Mott, Clerk. They then proceeded to settle the county affairs for the past year.

The trolley road in Port Jervis is nearly completed and cars will be running in a very few days. Our neighbor is at last up-to-date and we have not lost all hopes of something happening to us here. At all events we can sit on the fence and almost see the procession.

Let Us Have the Figures.

We suggest that the County Auditors ascertain as nearly as possible the amount of County indebtedness and liability so that the people may know the situation. The Commissioners could also make a statement to the same effect. Let us know just the situation as it was Jan. 1, 1898.

If salaries, coal bills, bridges, mason work etc., are not paid, which were due at that time the people would be interested in knowing why and also the amounts.

The C. L. S. Meeting.

The next meeting of the Chautauque circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Shearer Thursday Jan. 13 at 8 o'clock p. m.

The second book in the series "Imperial Germany" will be taken up and the lesson covers the first two chapters.

Vermints Killed.

During the year just closed the number of noxious animals, on whose scalps bounties are paid, killed in the county was foxes 134, minks 67 and wild cats 20, and the amount of bounty paid was \$198.25.

Have you examined Brown & Armstrong's new goods.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM C. HIXSON.

William C. Hixson, an old soldier, who has been a helpless paralytic for nineteen years, died at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 30, at his home in Snufftown, the first ward, South Easton, aged 67 years. He leaves a widow and five children—Mrs. John Bantlin, Mrs. George Trunsee, Mrs. Charles Thatcher, Mrs. John Kelly and William C. Hixson, Jr. He also leaves a brother, Joseph R. Hixson, of Elizabeth, N. J., and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. John Hughes, of Easton.

The deceased was one of the first soldiers to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops to suppress the rebellion. He enlisted in Company D, (Captain Charles Heckman) First Pennsylvania Regiment in 1861, and later served in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment.—Free Press.

MARGARET M'CARTY.

As the old year drew near its close there passed away one who nearly reached the allotted period of life, and who was well-known in the community.

Margaret M'Carty died at her home in Montague, Dec. 31, of paralysis, from which disease she had been for several years a sufferer. The first stroke left her in a nearly helpless condition and her health has been gradually declining ever since. The day before Christmas she was stricken for the third time and from which she did not rally. She was born in Dingman township this county, May 17, 1828, and was a daughter of Philip and Rachel Van Etten M'Carty. Both her parents were descended from the oldest families in this section. Her father was born and resided until his death on a farm on which his grandfather was living in 1780 at the time of the battle of the Clouds, and her mother was the granddaughter of Captain Johannes Van Etten who commanded in that fight with the Indians. The greater portion of her life was spent in this county with her parents until some twenty-five years ago she removed to Montague where she has since resided. Forty-two years ago she united with the Presbyterian Church of Milford, and in a quiet, unostentatious manner has remained a consistent member.

She is survived by one son, George W., who resided with her. The funeral services were held at her late home on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Thomas Nichols.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

An infant daughter of Edward Myer, of Delaware township, died last Thursday and was buried on Sunday. The services were held in the M. E. Church at Dingmans.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.

Austin Gunnison and wife to William Harney, dated August 21, land in Milford township, 58 acres, con. exchange of property.

Joseph G. Holbert and wife and Otto to Augusta M. Case, dated Nov. 12, 1896, land in Lackawaxen, 553 acres, con. \$717.33

Jacob Miller and wife to Valentine J. Ruegger, dated Jan. 3rd, two lots in Matamoras No. 733 and 735, consideration \$1,400.

Christian Fey and wife to Otto Zoellner, dated Jan. 5th, land in Shohola, 20 acres, con. \$800.

Christian Endeavor Social.

The Christian Endeavor society held a very pleasant social in the church Thursday night before New Years. The idea was that each one should be dressed to represent an advertisement, and the one guessing the greatest number correctly would receive a prize. Many novel designs were presented and some were puzzlers. The prize a toothsome cake was won by Miss Bessie Van Etten and Howard Reed.

About eleven dollars jingle in the Treasurer pocket as the proceeds.

Brown & Armstrong are selling 75 cent underwear for 50cents.

Family mince meat, canned baked beans, pickles, sweet pickles and all kinds of fancy groceries at Mitchell's.

SOCIETY EVENTS.

The Holidays Were Remarkably Gay in Milford.

On Christmas night Miss Bertha Kleinhaus gave a dance in honor of her guests Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, of Virginia. The evening was much enjoyed by a large number of the young people of Milford.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the holiday season was the gathering at "The Anchorage," on New Year's eve. Owing to the gallantry of the gentlemen, the ladies were taken there in a sleigh thus opening the evening with a short but delightful sleighride. The cozy rooms of the house were prettily decorated with evergreen, holly and mistletoe. The prizes in a progressive spelling match were won by David Chapin and Miss Lila Van Etten, while in the contest of "pinning the tail on a donkey" the prizes were awarded to John Van Etten and Miss Landa Klaer. During the evening elaborate refreshments were served. Dr. Reed assured us that the next house warming would be in the new house which he anticipates building as soon as the weather will permit.

A number of people were puzzled upon receiving invitations worded in this way:

"Accept our New Year's Greeting blithe, Friend, we receive from three to five." Miss Kleinhaus, Miss Nichols, Miss Williamson, Miss Docker, Misses Mott, Misses Reed, Miss Baker, Misses Van Etten at "Libesjo," January first, '98.

The puzzling feature was this word "Libesjo." One gentleman remarked: "English, I knew it was not; French, it did not look like; German, it could not be for the ending is wrong, and, Spanish, my dictionary did not contain it." For the benefit of this gentleman as well as others, I will give an explanation: After an old English custom, Mrs. Van Etten named her home after the members of her family, the names of which contracted spell "Libesjo."

About fifty of the friends of the young ladies called during the afternoon. In the decorations the prevailing color was a rich red and in the soft light given by a number of candles and lamps the rooms looked especially pretty. Miss Reed and Miss Williamson served, assisted by Miss De Ker and Miss Mott, while Miss Baker, Miss Van Etten, Miss Elsie Mott, Miss Corinne Reed, Miss Kleinhaus and Miss Nichols received. The young ladies were dressed in old fashioned gowns, noticeable among which was a brocade yellow satin beautifully trimmed with black lace and jet, also a white satin gown with an exquisite embroidered panel front, another gown remarked upon for its simplicity and antique style was a dark brown satin. Those who called from out of town were: Dr. Kenworthy, of Dingman's Ferry; Hiram Westbrook, Mr. Ames, Howard De Mott, Mr. and Mrs. James Bull, Miss Todd and Miss Gallagher, of New York; David Chapin and Miss Howard, of Brooklyn. In the evening an informal dance and card party was given at "Libesjo."

New Year's evening, Mrs. Joseph J. Hart gave an euchre party at which a number of her friends were entertained.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; for sale by Druggist and General Merchants of Pike county.

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Lost—An Alaska sable muff. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Press office.

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Brown & Armstrong would like to know if you have bought your winter footwear.

"Grill Room" of the Princeton Inn.

EDITOR OF THE PRESS—

DEAR SIR:—In your last issue you return to the subject of the "grill room" in the Princeton Inn. Some time since the agitation in the church on this subject led me to preach a sermon concerning it and about the same time you printed an editorial having a similar origin. Sermon and editorial were prepared independently of each other. As to the main point at issue, we agreed entirely, viz: That the "grill room, even though without a bar, and selling only malt liquors, was not a satisfactory solution of the liquor-selling problem, but rather a surrender of the true temperance principle; and that Professor Shields made a grave mistake in signing its petition for license.

At the same time I maintained that this distinguished divine might have been honestly persuaded that his course was a wise one; that he was entitled to his constitutional right in the church in any action which might be taken against him; and that the deliverances of the General Assembly concerning the sale and use of intoxicating beverages, are not Presbyterian law, though they do indicate prevailing opinion, and may naturally be expected to guide the judgment and control the action of the ministers and members of the church.

The new information which you lay before your readers is to the effect that there is a bar in the "grill room" over which liquors are sold indiscriminately; that students resort to the place for gambling; and that its whole influence—a thing which goes without saying under such circumstances—is demoralizing. In my sermon I stated what had frequently appeared in print, that there was no bar, and that the sale of ale and beer to students was under very strict supervision. I am glad to be corrected in this particular, while not hesitating to condemn the "grill room," bar or not. On the main point at issue we are still in thorough harmony. But when you go on to say: "If the above statement is true"—that, viz, in regard to the bar and gambling—"it would seem superfluous to debate just what weight the deliverances of the General Assembly should have; whether they are laws for the government of churches, pastors and members, or mere expressions of a consensus of opinion, is from the moral effect of the license of the "grill room," wholly immaterial." I do not agree with you. For the question with reference to which this point was introduced concerns the proper procedure of the church in dealing with its ministers;—quite a different thing. It is well known that the late Dr. Howard Crosby opposed the General Assembly in its temperance deliverances with all his might and throughout his life; bringing upon himself in this way constant and bitter attack by radical advocates of temperance. I think he was sadly in error, and I always regretted it, but the church never disciplined him, nor would it have been wise to attempt it. He was clearly within his constitutional right.

Further facts might be adduced, but I will pass them. A communication on this subject should not close, however, without calling attention to the fact that the trustees of Princeton University have recently revived an old law forbidding students to visit any place where intoxicating drinks are sold; action which in my judgment is both right and timely. It was a mistake and weakness ever to allow the law to be nullified.

(In the remark above excepted to we only intended to place the matter on a higher plane than the technical defense of Dr. Shields by his associates. He had the constitutional right to sign the application for license, and that strictly and technically speaking was the only question before the Presbytery at which he tendered his resignation. We regret if any misapprehension arose as to our precise meaning. It would have placed the college in a different position had its President and others at that time (as Mr. Nichols suggested in his sermon,) gone a little beyond the line of the narrow question and stated their views in regard to the general principle of ministers signing such petitions. They did not do so, and while they were adhering closely to the issue raised they were also leaving a general impression of doubt as to their position on the mind of the general public.—Ed. Press.)

T. N.

This year, for the first time since 1893, when the death of Mrs. Harrison caused its suspension, there was no New Year's day reception at the White House. President McKinley spent the day in rest, going for a drive with Mrs. McKinley in the morning and receiving several personal friends during the afternoon and evening.

The Democrats and the assistant Democrats are striving hard to make it appear that the financial position of President McKinley, which is in strict accord with the platform upon which he was elected, furnishes a reason for the senators who are popularly known as "silver Republicans" to break their pleasant relations with him, but so far as can be learned it is labor wasted. Some of these would be mischief makers may be surprised when Senator Wolcott makes his promised speech, explaining the trip of himself and colleagues to Europe in behalf of international bimetalism. Just before the Senate took its holiday recess Mr. Wolcott said that he hoped to be ready to make that statement about the middle of January.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

A Surplus in the United States Treasury.

The Senator From Maryland—The United States and the Chinese Trade—Aid For Cuba.—Senator Wolcott's Promised Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1898.

The United States treasury starts into 1898 with a more pleasing outlook than it has had at the beginning of a year for some time. There was a surplus of about \$1,750,000 for the month of December, and it is reasonably certain that with the exception of the present month, and possibly April, when heavy quarterly payments on account of pensions have to be made, every month of the present fiscal year will show a surplus. It should not be forgotten that the payments made on account of the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad were included to make that December surplus. While this condition is gratifying to President McKinley and every Republican, it is especially gratifying to Chairman Dingley, who predicted many months ago, when the extra session of Congress was considering his tariff bill, that the government's financial condition would improve, just as it has done under the operation of that bill as a law. On Saturday, Mr. Dingley furnished the Press Associations with a detailed statement of the revenues under the Dingley law and of the revenue outlook.

Judge McComas, who was popular in Washington when he was a member of the house and who has increased in popularity since he occupied a seat upon the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has forged ahead in the Senatorial race in Maryland since Gov. Lowndes, who is also very popular in Washington, withdrew in his favor, and the impression is now general that Judge McComas will be elected to succeed Senator Gorman. It is no reflection upon the other gentlemen who are candidates, active or passive, to say that the election of Judge McComas to the Senate would please more Republicans in Washington than the election of any other man named.

President McKinley is thoroughly alive to the meaning of the present attitude of the great powers of Europe towards China. He knows that they are after commerce as well as territory. The United States wants no territory as far away as China, but it does want to keep the valuable Chinese trade it already has and to add to it, and while not intending to get mixed up in any European deals or squabbles, it does intend to take whatever steps that may be necessary to protect American commercial interests in China. The United States has treaty rights in China which must be recognized by any power that acquires territory by any means in that country, and with that end solely in view, the president and his advisers are watching every move made by the powers of Europe in or towards China. In other words, we have nothing to do with the relations of China and other nations so long as our treaty rights are respected.

Notwithstanding the persistent efforts of a portion of the Democratic press to prevent contributions, the president's main appeal for donations for the relief of the poor Cubans, who are suffering for necessities of life by reason of the conditions on the island and not for any fault of their own, has touched the charitable hearts of the country in the prompt response of the country to his appeal for aid.

President McKinley will not send the nomination of Gov. Griggs to be Attorney General to the senate until the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to the Supreme Court, has been confirmed, but no delay is looked for in the latter.

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Dr. David Kenney's Favorite Remedy CURES ALL KIDNEY TROUBLES.